

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY WHERRY,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFF LYNCH, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:25-cv-0429 CKD P

ORDER

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and seeking relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This proceeding was referred to this court by Local Rule 302 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Plaintiff requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis. As plaintiff has submitted a declaration that makes the showing required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), his request will be granted. Plaintiff is required to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00 for this action. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a), 1915(b)(1). By separate order, the court will direct the appropriate agency to collect the initial partial filing fee from plaintiff's trust account and forward it to the Clerk of the Court. Thereafter, plaintiff will be obligated for monthly payments of twenty percent of the preceding month's income credited to plaintiff's prison trust account. These payments will be forwarded by the appropriate agency to the Clerk of the Court each time the amount in plaintiff's account exceeds \$10.00, until the filing fee is paid in full. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

1 The court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a  
2 governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The  
3 court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if the prisoner has raised claims that are legally  
4 “frivolous or malicious,” that fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or that seek  
5 monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1),(2).

6 The court has reviewed plaintiff’s complaint and finds that it fails to state a claim upon  
7 which relief can be granted under federal law. Plaintiff’s complaint must be dismissed. The  
8 court will, however, grant leave to file an amended complaint.

9 The primary problem with the allegations in plaintiff’s complaint is that they are mostly  
10 vague. Plaintiff alleges various injuries but fails to connect them to a basis for liability against  
11 any defendant. If plaintiff chooses to amend the complaint, plaintiff must point to specific facts  
12 demonstrating how the conditions complained of have resulted in a deprivation of plaintiff’s  
13 constitutional rights. See Ellis v. Cassidy, 625 F.2d 227 (9th Cir. 1980). Also, in his amended  
14 complaint, plaintiff must allege in specific terms how each named defendant is involved. There  
15 can be no liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 unless there is some affirmative link or connection  
16 between a defendant’s actions and the claimed deprivation. Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362  
17 (1976). Furthermore, vague and conclusory allegations of official participation in civil rights  
18 violations are not sufficient. Ivey v. Board of Regents, 673 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir. 1982).

19 Also, plaintiff is informed that under Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,  
20 plaintiff cannot bring unrelated claims against different defendants. Simply put, plaintiff cannot  
21 join claims against defendant B that have nothing to do with those brought against defendant A.

22 Finally, plaintiff is informed that the court cannot refer to a prior pleading in order to  
23 make plaintiff’s amended complaint complete. Local Rule 220 requires that an amended  
24 complaint be complete in itself without reference to any prior pleading.

25 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

26 1. Plaintiff’s request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED.  
27 Plaintiff is obligated to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00 for this action. All fees shall be

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1 collected and paid in accordance with this court's order to the Director of the California  
2 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation filed concurrently herewith.

3 2. Plaintiff's complaint is dismissed.

4 3. Plaintiff is granted thirty days from the date of service of this order to file an amended  
5 complaint that complies with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act, the Federal Rules of Civil  
6 Procedure, and the Local Rules of Practice. The amended complaint must bear the docket  
7 number assigned this case and must be labeled "Amended Complaint." Failure to file an  
8 amended complaint in accordance with this order will result in a recommendation that this action  
9 be dismissed.

10 Dated: February 27, 2025



CAROLYN K. DELANEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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